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SUBJECT: SALE OF ESCORT VEHICLES TO GOG

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1. ACCORDING ACTING MANAGER OF BANQUE DU GABON ET DU LUXEMBOURG (BGL), ORDER TO BUY DOLLARS AGAINST CHECK AND TO REMIT PROCEEDS TO CITIBANK NEW YORK WAS TELEXED TO BGL'S PARIS CORRESPONDENT ON AUGUST 11 AND SHOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN EXECUTED. SAME INFORMATION TELEXED BY BGL TO CITIBANK NEW YORK (ATTENTION OF MR. CHIAFFARANO) ON AUGUST 27 IN REPLY TO MOST RECENT CITIBANK INQUIRY.

2. CORRESPONDENT BANK IN PARIS FOR BGL IS BANQUE FRANCAISE INTERCONTINENTALE, 30 AVENUE GEORGE V, TELEPHONE 261-51-86, TELEX 630626. BGL SUGGESTS CITIBANK QUERY PARIS CORRESPONDENT IF TRANSACTION NOT YET COMPLETED.

3. SOME OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BGL REGARDING PERIPATETIC CHECK AT VARIANCE WITH THAT CONTAINED REFTEL. ACCORDING BGL, CITIBANK INITIALLY PROCESSED CHECK THROUGH BRUSSELS, WHICH WAS FIRST CAUSE OF DELAY, AND CHECK ONLY REACHED BGL ON AUGUST 11 (RATHER THAN AUG. 2 AS INDICATED REFTEL). BGL TELEXED PARIS WITH PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS SAME DAY, SO THAT DELAY SINCE THAT DATE IS BEYOND THEIR CONTROL.

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4. UNFORTUNATE RESULT OF COMPOUND DELAY IS THAT DOLLAR

RETURN TO HESS AND EISENHARDT WILL BE ABOUT \$25,000 LESS
THAN ANTICIPATED AT TIME CHECK DRAWN, PROBLEM COMPANY
PRESUMABLY WILL HAVE TO HANDLE WITH CLIENT IN ITS SUBSE-
QUENT BILLINGS. STEIGMAN

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